

## § 476.300

### § 476.300 Purpose.

The purpose of the regulations in this subpart is to prescribe policies and procedures for implementation of 23 U.S.C. 103(e)(4), which permits the withdrawal of Interstate System segments and the substitution of public mass transit or highway projects or both.

### § 476.302 Applicability.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, this subpart applies to an Interstate segment at any stage of development if:

(1) The segment is within an urbanized area; or

(2) The segment passes through and connects urbanized areas within a State.

(b) The regulations in this subpart shall not apply to:

(1) A segment removed from the Interstate System prior to August 13, 1973;

(2) A segment added to the Interstate System after May 5, 1976, under the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 103(e)(2);

(3) Interstate segments designated under 23 U.S.C. 139;

(4) A toll bridge, tunnel, or approach thereto for which funds were advanced in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 124(b); or

(5) After September 30, 1979, an Interstate segment open to traffic before the date of the proposed withdrawal. If only a portion of an Interstate segment (between logical termini) is open to traffic the regulations of this subpart are applicable to the portion not open to traffic. The open to traffic portion will be removed from the Interstate System under 23 U.S.C. 103(f).

(6) Any segment added to the Interstate System by specific legislation unless a comparable statute permitting its withdrawal is enacted.

(7) A segment added to the Interstate System after August 13, 1973, under the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 103(e)(1).

(c) Withdrawal requests may not be approved under this subpart after September 30, 1983, unless the route segment was under a court injunction prohibiting its construction as of November 6, 1978. For segments under such injunction, withdrawal requests may not be approved under this subpart after September 30, 1986. However, as indicated in § 476.310(g), the September 30,

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1986, substitute project construction time limitation remains applicable to these segments.

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### § 476.304 Withdrawal request.

(a) A request to withdraw an Interstate segment within a State under this subpart shall be submitted jointly by the Governor and local governments concerned. For those segments within urbanized areas, the concurrence of responsible local officials is also required. The withdrawal request shall be submitted to the Federal Highway Administrator and the Urban Mass Transportation Administrator, through the Federal Highway Administrator.

(b) Joint submittal may be accomplished by a single request prepared by the Governor and concurred in by the local governments concerned. This may also be accomplished by a request by the Governor with separate concurrence documentation by the local governments concerned. In either case, for those segments within urbanized areas, the concurrence of responsible local officials is also required. While unanimous local action is not required, the withdrawal request is expected to have substantial support.

(c) The request for withdrawal shall include the following:

(1) A statement that the request is filed pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 103(e)(4).

(2) Reasons why the segment is not essential to the completion of a unified and connected Interstate System.

(3) A detailed statement of mileage and cost of the segment to be withdrawn as included in the latest Interstate cost estimate approved by Congress.

(4) An assurance that a toll road will not be constructed in the traffic corridor which would be served by the segment.

### § 476.306 Withdrawal approval.

(a) The Federal Highway Administrator and the Urban Mass Transportation Administrator may approve the withdrawal of an Interstate segment under the provisions of this subpart after considering the impact of the withdrawal on national defense needs if: